

Remarks/Arguments:

A. Status of Claims and Amendment

Claims 1-3 and 7-33 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 7-15, 31 and 33 are withdrawn herein, as being directed to non-elected inventions.

B. Restriction Requirement as to Invention

Restriction to one of the following inventions has been required under 35 USC 121:

- I. Claims 1-3, 7-15 and 32 drawn to a rotary bit;
- II. Claims 16-30 and 33 drawn to a method; and
- III. Claim 31 drawn to an apparatus.

Applicants elect the invention of group II, Claims 16-30 and 33, which read on the elected invention.

Claims 1-3, 7-15, 31 and 32 directed to the non-elected inventions, are withdrawn herein, with the right to rejoinder.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, entry of this amendment and early allowance of the elected claims are respectfully requested. Should any matters remain which can be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 970-256-7720.

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